

## **MEDI-CAID EXPANSION FOR CHILDREN'S PROVIDERS**

Effective January 1, 2014 Medi-caid Expansion (MCE) allowed DMH Children's Providers to provide targeted short-term treatment and services to parents and caregivers of children, ages 0-20, currently receiving mental health services within their agencies. It is the belief of the Department that providing mental health treatment to caregivers can lead to the stabilization of the family unit and facilitate the successful attainment of treatment goals for the child consumer.

## **MHSA THREE-YEAR PROGRAM AND EXPENDITURE PLAN (3YRPE PLAN)**

The Department is pleased to highlight the program proposals that were included in the MHSA Three-Year Program and Expenditure (3YRPE) Plan that focus on expanding services to children and families:

- **Respite Care**-With the success of the Family Support Services Respite Care Pilot for Child FSP clients and families and through the 3YRPE Plan, respite services will be expanded and available to families beyond FSP. Through a solicitation process, respite services will be re-instated and made available for children 0 – 15 years of age that are currently receiving mental health services within a child specific program under the Community Services and Support Plan of MHSA. It is anticipated that the expanded respite services will be available in Fiscal Year 2015-2016.
  - \$500,000 allocated for Respite Services
- **FCCS Expansion**-Included in the 3YRPE Plan is an expansion of FCCS. \$1.13 million will be added to FCCS starting next Fiscal Year (FY 2014-2015) which will serve an additional 330 clients. The additional funding for FCCS will be used to expand the focal populations for FCCS to include the following target groups:
  - Birth to five population
  - Children/youth who are at risk of or are victims of human/sex trafficking
- **FSP Focal Population Expansion**-Through the 3YRPE Plan, Child FSP will increase capacity for providing services to youth within the community that are involved with probation to prevent out-of-home placements by expanding the focal population related to probation youth. Currently, FSP is available to children/youth involved with probation, on psychotropic medications and transitioning back into a less structured home/community setting. With the FSP expansion included in the 3YRPE Plan, this focal population will also include children/youth involved with probation who are at risk of entering a restricted setting (such as Juvenile Hall, Probation Camp and/or Residential Treatment Centers).
- **Family Wellness/Resource Center (FWRC)**-Based on feedback and support from the Stakeholder process, Family Wellness/Resource Centers will be developed and implemented through the 3YRPE Plan. Family Wellness/Resource Centers are designed